Subject No. 280.

Money limit for the purchase of stamps by vendor.

Mr. Gopalaiya, Local Fund Member, Holalkere.

Summary of discussion. —The restriction now imposed upon stamp vendors even in places where there are no Civil Courts, that they should purchase from the Treasury General and Court fee stamps for a sum not less than Rs. 30 at a time, has been productive of much inconvenience both to the stamp vendors as well as to the public. The stock on hand with the vendors will take a long time to sell and they will not be able to indent for further supply till the old stock is fully exhausted. The result is that people cannot get the stamps of the particular kind and value they want. The money limit therefore may be reduced to Rs. 25 or even half of it as before.

Reply of Government. —The money limit has been recently reduced to Rs. 10.

Subject No. 281.

Restrictions as regards the use of General stamps.

Mr. Gopaliya, Local Fund Member, Holalkere.

Summary of discussion. —General stamps once purchased are being utilized without any limitation of time and this affords much room for malpractices. It is therefore proposed that certain restrictions should be enforced as to the time within which such stamps are to be used for the purpose for which they were bought.

Reply of Government—This cannot be done.

EXCISE.

Subject No 282.

The holding of the Toddy and Arrack sales once in three and two years respectively.

Mr. D. Gopalachar of Devanhalli.
Mr. Dawudkhan of Tumkur Taluk.
Messrs. Desakulkarni Dasappa and Chennalingappa of Nelamangala.

Summary of discussion.—Toddy and Arrack sales should be ordered to be held once in three and two years, respectively. The present system is disadvantageous both to the contractor and the Government.

Reply of Government.—The Excise Commissioner says that further experience of the present system for two or three years is necessary before a change can be advocated. The Government agree in this view, and if experience shows a change to be necessary, the question will be considered later on.

Subject No. 283.

Bagani Toddy.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur Taluk.
, Bhaskara Rao.

Summary of discussion. —In the Malnad Taluks the Halepaikas have been cultivating the gardens from a very long time and they are supplied with Bagani toddy available in the Káns. These people tap the trees and make use of the toddy themselves. They are very poor and cannot afford to pay the raiyats of occupied kans tree-tax at Rs. 1-9-6 per tree and also the shop tax. The produce of the land here is not sufficient for their maintenance and they have been reduced to an abject condition. Owing to the cold in these parts the raiyats of the Sudra class cannot live unless they take either Bagani or Arrack. It is therefore requested that the holders of the occupied kans and other landholders may be permitted to use free of charge or at a reduced rate, the toddy obtainable from their holdings.

Reply of Government.—This representation was made in 1901 also. It will be considered again.